

Gloria Valencia-Weber, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2014.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—62) Pages S2153–54

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2185.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Francis S. Collins, Director, Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Richard J. Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, Thomas R. Insel, Director, National Institute of Mental Health, Acting Director, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, Griffin P. Rodgers, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and Harold E. Varmus, Director, National Cancer Institute, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense health programs, after receiving

testimony from Lieutenant General Patricia D. Horoho, Surgeon General of the United States Army, and Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command, Vice Admiral Matthew L. Nathan, Surgeon General of the Navy, Lieutenant General Charles B. Green, Surgeon General of the Air Force, Major General Jimmie O. Keenan, Chief, United States Army Nurse Corps, Rear Admiral Elizabeth S. Niemyer, Director, Navy Nurse Corps, and Major General Kimberly A. Siniscalchi, Assistant Air Force Surgeon General, Medical Force Development Nursing Services, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Air Force, after receiving testimony from Jackalyn Pfannenstiel, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment, Major General James A. Kessler, Commander, Marine Corps Installations Command, and Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics (Facilities), Rear Admiral David M. Boone, USN, Director, Shore Readiness Division, and Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics, Terry A. Yonkers, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment, and Logistics, Kathleen I. Ferguson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Major General William H. Etter, Deputy Director, Air National Guard, and Major General James Jackson, Deputy Chief, Air Force Reserve, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after receiving testimony from Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013

for the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, after receiving testimony from Major General Merdith W.B. Temple, Acting Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, both of the Department of Defense; and Anne Castle, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, and Michael L. Connor, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior.

ENHANCING ECONOMIC GROWTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government concluded a hearing to examine enhancing economic growth, focusing on the Department of the Treasury's responses to the foreclosure crisis and mounting student loan debt, after receiving testimony from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower received a closed briefing on the *Ohio*-class Replacement Program in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program from Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, and Vice Admiral John T. Blake, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Integration of Capabilities and Resources (N8), both of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Jo Ann Rooney, Acting Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary, Comptroller, and Chief Financial Officer, David L. McGinnis, Acting Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs, and Jonathan Woodson, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Director, TRICARE Management Activity, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded open and closed hearings to examine Department of Defense nuclear forces and policies in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from

Madelyn R. Creedon, Assistant Secretary for Global Strategic Affairs, Andrew C. Weber, Assistant Secretary for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs, Lieutenant General James M. Kowalski, USAF, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, Lieutenant General Janet C. Wolfenbarger, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Rear Admiral Terry J. Benedict, USN, Director, Strategic Systems Programs, Major General William A. Chambers, USAF, Assistant Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, Major General Noel T. Jones, USAF, Director, Operational Capability Requirements and Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans, and Requirements, and Colonel Timothy A. Woods, USAF, Director, Strike System Program, all of the Department of Defense.

RETIREMENT SAVINGS DEFICIT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine retirement, focusing on examining the retirement savings deficit, after receiving testimony from Michael Calabrese, New America Foundation, and Jack VanDerhei, Employee Benefit Research Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and James G. Rickards, Tangent Capital Partners LLC, New York, New York.

SCIENCE AND STANDARDS OF FORENSICS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the science and standards of forensics, after receiving testimony from Patrick D. Gallagher, Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology; Subra Suresh, Director, National Science Foundation; and Eric S. Lander, Broad Institute of Harvard and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge.

U.S. POLICY ON IRAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy on Iran, after receiving testimony from Thomas Pickering, former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, and former United States Ambassador to the United Nations, General James Cartwright, former Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense, and Karim Sadjadpour, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, all of Washington, D.C.

WASTE AND FRAUD IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services,

and International Security concluded a hearing to examine assessing efforts to combat waste and fraud in Federal programs, after receiving testimony from Representatives Platts and Towns; Daniel I. Werfel, Controller, Office of Management and Budget; Sheila O. Conley, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Finance and Deputy Chief Financial Officer; and Beryl H. Davis, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office.

SPECIAL COUNSEL'S REPORT ON THE PROSECUTION OF SENATOR TED STEVENS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Special Counsel's report on the prosecution of Senator Ted Stevens, after receiving testimony from Henry F. Schuelke III, Janis, Schuelke and Wechsler, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael P.

Shea, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, who was introduced by Senator Lieberman, Gonzalo P. Curiel, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, who was introduced by Senator Blumenthal, and Robert J. Shelby, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, who was introduced by Senator Lee, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Margaret Bartley, of Maryland, who was introduced by Senator Murray, and Coral Wong Pietsch, of Hawaii, who was introduced by Senator Akaka, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 4273–4294; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 601, were introduced. **Pages H1739–40**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1741–42**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 600, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4281) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–424). **Page H1739**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harper to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1643**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1647**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dennis Culbreth, First Baptist Church, Jasper, Alabama. **Page H1647**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a ye-and-nay vote of 300 yeas to 111 nays with 4 answering "present", Roll No. 142. **Pages H1647, H1665**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow. **Page H1652**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Amending title 32, United States Code, the body of laws of the United States dealing with the National Guard, to recognize the City of Salem, Massachusetts, as the Birthplace of the National Guard of the United States: H.R. 1339, amended, to amend title 32, United States Code, the body of laws of the United States dealing with the National Guard, to recognize the City of Salem, Massachusetts, as the Birthplace of the National Guard of the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 6 nays with 4 answering "present", Roll No. 141. **Pages H1652–54, H1664**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To designate the City of Salem, Massachusetts, as the Birthplace of the National Guard of the United States." **Page H1664**

Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022: The House began consideration of H. Con. Res. 112, to establish the budget for the United States Government for fiscal